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(C) Post shared reftel points with MFA Director of Transatlantic Cooperation and Security Policy Department Vytautas Leskevicius and an attorney from the MFA International Treaties Division, Aleksas Dambrauskas. Dambrauskas said the Lithuanians were aware of our concerns over a possible MED-D SOFA and shared them. He said he expects Lithuania will support the USG position at the September 2 meeting of NATO legal advisors. He undertook to pass our demarche on to MoND legal advisors, who will attend the meeting.

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